



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
17th NOVEMBER 2020**

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME: 2020- 2021 MUNICIPAL YEAR

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &
COMMUNICATIONS**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with a Forward Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2020/2021 (December to March 2021).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:-

- 2.1 Acknowledge the contents of the proposed draft Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for the 2020/21 Municipal Year (December 2020 to March 2021), attached as Appendix 1 to the report
- 2.2 Consider progress, achievements, and the effectiveness of the scrutiny work programme and scrutiny practice; and,
- 2.3 Consider and determine other matters it may wish to consider, challenge and scrutinise over this period, taking consideration of the factors set out in section 4.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is proposed that Members of the Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to consider its work programme for the 2020/21 municipal year. The proposed work programme allows for an element of flexibility taking into account any additional consultative documents or legislative matters requiring attention.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Members will recall that the [Local Authorities \(Coronavirus\) \(Meetings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020](#), published at the end of April, provided the opportunity for committee functions to operate virtually. At that time, Members supported the proposal for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, as the Council's overarching Scrutiny Committee, to take a council-wide approach and consider those key matters that ordinarily would have been under review by the four themed scrutiny committees.
- 4.2 At its meeting on the 30th July 2020, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered the Council's Performance Report, 31st March 2020 year end, as part of the temporary arrangements set in place to progress and establish virtual committee arrangements. All members of the council were invited to attend and contribute to this matter.
- 4.3 Members of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on the 14th September 2020 Members received a verbal update from the Director of Adult Services in relation to the Council's response to COVID 19 from an adult services perspective.
- 4.4 Following the Council's Annual General meeting held on the 16th September 2020 Scrutiny is now able to present its forward work programmes for the 2020/21 Municipal Year, this provides members of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to undertake a review of the work programme in December 2020.
- 4.5 The Committee continues to acknowledge the current pressures on the Council as it focuses on the impact of the pandemic and its associated plans for response and recovery. Committee recognises the desire to resume a 'business as usual' approach in terms of the scrutiny work programme, however, Committee will need to be mindful of these ongoing pressures. Members are asked to acknowledge the balance required for a flexible and supportive scrutiny work programme that has clear objectives, expectations and lines of questioning. Importantly, this approach allows for business critical matters to be prioritised.
- 4.6 With this in mind the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny forward work programme, attached at Appendix 1, sets out a manageable and realistic scrutiny activity for the next four months allowing for the more pressing matters to be considered whilst having the flexibility to respond to emerging issues.
- 4.7 Members are reminded that given the current climate the forward work programme priorities are subject to change should other specific business need to be considered by the Committee on this date.
- 4.8 The Committee is invited to consider areas for further scrutiny by the committee.

5. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

5.1 The Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Programme has been developed in discussions with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and the relevant senior officers.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

8.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 12.1 (Part 4) of the Council's Constitution.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

9.1 This work programme takes consideration of the Council's Corporate Plan, the work programme of the Cabinet and the service response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 Members of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee are asked to identify any items they would like to review in greater detail and to agree the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme for the 2020/21 Municipal Year (up until March 2021).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8TH DECEMBER 2020

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SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

'Holding the Executive & Council to account in respect of all three priorities within the Council's Corporate Plan'

Each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees is responsible for setting and agreeing its own work programme by identifying a list of themes and topics which fall under the remit of each individual Scrutiny Committee. Following discussion with the Chair, Vice Chair and Scrutiny Members a practical, realistic and timetabled programme can then be developed.

The scrutiny forward work programmes should provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected; be outcome focussed; ensure that the method of scrutiny is best suited to the topic area and the outcome desired; align scrutiny programmes with the council's performance management, self-evaluation and improvement arrangements.

Throughout the year, there are a number of ways in which additional issues can be considered for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme and ideas for inclusion may come from a number of sources such as:-

- Individual Councillors;
- Performance or budget monitoring information;
- Inspection reports;
- Referrals from Council (such as Notices of Motion), Cabinet/Audit or other scrutiny committees;
- Service users;
- Monitoring the implementation of recommendations previously made by the Committee; and
- Local Residents

The Cabinet is also required to produce forward work programmes and the Health & Wellbeing Committee keeps abreast of forthcoming items or topics which may enable scrutiny to be involved in the development of Council policy prior to its formal consideration by Cabinet. It is important to bear in mind that an element of flexibility is applied to each individual work programme that provides Committees with the capacity to scrutinise new / urgent issues that arise during the year.

Date/Time	Overarching Item	Officer	Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Focus
8 th December 2020,5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Draft Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Programme</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Director Democratic Services & Communications 		Scrutiny & Challenge – For Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to agree its Work Programme for the 2020/2021 Municipal Year
	COVID 19 Update	Director of Adult Services		<i>Scrutiny & Challenge – To receive an update from the Director of Adult Service In respect of COVID 19 .</i>
12 th January 2021,5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the Council's Response to Covid 19 from A Public Health and Protection perspective Hope Rescue SLA Update Report 	<p>Director Public Health & Protection</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Public Health and Protection</p> <p>Director Public Health & Protection</p>		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To receive an update from the Director of Public Health & Protection in respect of the Council's Response to covid from a Public Health & Protection perspective.</p> <p>To Receive an update on Service Level Agreement in respect of Hope Rescue</p>
8 th February 2021, 5pm	Further Update on COVID 19 from the Director of Adult Services.	Director of Adult Services		Receive a further update in respect of Adult Services Response to COVID 19.

	<p>Update on the Notice of Motion in respect Autism and the way forward. (Considering the transition from Childhood to Adulthood)</p>	<p>Third Sector Providers Service User</p>		<p>To receive information to from 3rd Sector Providers and Service User and consider a way forward.</p>
<p>16th March 2021, 5pm</p>	<p>Homelessness Strategy Updated</p> <p>Commissioning Service and Substance Misuse</p>	<p>Director of Public Health & Protection</p>		<p>To scrutinise and Challenge – to receive an update in relation to the Homelessness strategy.</p> <p>To assess the progress of the Service</p>

Health & Wellbeing - Ongoing Matters for Future Review:-

Adult Mental Health provision (What provisions are available during COVID 19)

N.O.M in respect Autism (there is a WG consultation to consider)

Delayed Transfers of Care

Community Hubs

Update on Extra Care (New facilities and feedback from residents within the facilities)

Registration Services (EU Settlement Scheme)

Hope Rescue (SLA)

Update on the HMO Review Action Plan

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